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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border  
Photographic Reconnaissance, 15-21 August 1967

1. The attached report on the subject by the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not contemplated that the attached report will be placed on the USIB agenda unless a USIB Principal so requests prior to the close of business on 28 August 1967. In the absence of such a request, it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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Report to the United States Intelligence Board  
by  
Chairman, COMIREX  
on  
South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border  
Photographic Reconnaissance  
15-21 August 1967

1. The following is a report on photographic coverage of:

a. Priority "Base Line" targets in South China and North Vietnam, as defined by the Board on 3 March 1966<sup>a</sup> (paras 2-6);

b. North Vietnam to detect the introduction of offensive missile systems<sup>b</sup> (paras 7 and 8);

c. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border<sup>c</sup> (no coverage);

d. Targets in the Sino-Indian Border area<sup>d</sup> (no coverage).

South China/North Vietnam - "Base Line"

2. Changes to Priority Targets: No changes were made to the priority list during this period. The total remains  targets.

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<sup>a</sup> USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207), 4 March 1966

<sup>b</sup> Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308, (COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967

<sup>c</sup> USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184), 13 September 1965

<sup>d</sup> USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201), 19 January 1966



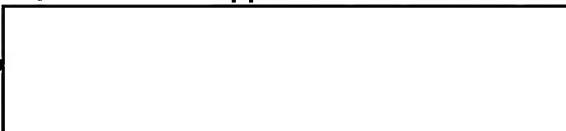
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3. Missions during the Period:

The results of the BLACK SHIELD mission flown on 20 August are not yet available.

BUMBLE BUG missions scheduled during the reporting period were cancelled due to bad weather.

4. Base Line/Surveillance Coverage: There were no reports of base line/surveillance photographic coverage of priority targets during the reporting period and the base line total remains  targets.

5. Tab A: Lists all priority targets and shows the status of Base Line/Surveillance coverage as follows:

Column 2 - Underlining indicates base line or surveillance coverage added since the last report.

Column 4 - Base Line coverage since 1 March 1966 shown by date.

Column 5 - The number of times surveillance coverage has been added to the base line photography.

Column 6 - Date of the most recent base line/surveillance quality coverage.

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North Vietnam - "Offensive Missiles"

7. There has been no report of photographic detection of the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam.

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8. The Map at Tab C: Shows the [redacted] coverage of North Vietnam (80% or better cloud-free) that has been reported in the three week period ending 14 August. This has been reported in accordance with the photo reconnaissance area grid system. In addition to area coverage, the map shows ten targets that could most likely reveal the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam, the Kun Ming railroad yards, an eleventh target, is at 2501N and is consequently off the map.

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Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements  
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